



BCI Firearms Section Newsletter

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Newsletter Information

The purpose of the BCI newsletter is to provide dealers with information regarding firearm transfers. Changes in laws, policies, and procedures will be included, as well as answers to questions we receive from dealers. It is important that you read this newsletter and brief your staff on its contents. The newsletter is available electronically via email and on the web at <http://www.bci.utah.gov/CFP/CFNewsletter.html>. To add your business to our email list, contact Becky Clayton at (801) 964-4540 or rclayton@utah.gov or contact Tess Kooring at (801) 964-4460 or tkooring@utah.gov.

Web-based Gun Checks

If you would like to run background checks on the internet, contact Nicole Starks at (801) 965-3810 or nstarks@utah.gov to request the application/waiver to set up your company. We may be able to do on-site training in your store. In addition to running background checks, you will be able to see all the checks your store has run in the last twenty days. This can help you in verifying your billing on a daily or weekly basis.

Please consider the web-based gun checks system. There is no charge for this option. The only equipment required for the web-based system is a computer with an internet connection.

FFL Dealer Seminar

We regret to inform you that due to scheduling, interest, and budgetary constraints we will be unable to hold our annual FFL Dealer Seminar. We will instead provide in-store and regional training on a pre-scheduled basis. We will make agents available for Q&A's during your staff meetings and/or provide computer training for the web based gun check system. For additional information contact Ed Bingham (801) 964-4407 ebingham@utah.gov or Nicole Starks (801) 965-3810 nstarks@utah.gov.

Delayed and Denied Status

In a case where your customer's background check is given a delayed or "Research" status, you will be given a time frame in which the check is to be completed (generally 3-5 business days). In some instances we may exceed this time frame, however, under no circumstance is the firearm to be released until you receive an approval from BCI.

If your customer's background check is given a denied status, we are not able to disseminate personal information over the phone. Please do not tell your customers to call BCI to find out why they were denied. There are two ways to retrieve denial information: in person in our office, or through a **notarized** letter (it may be mailed or faxed in). We are happy to answer any other questions your customers have. If you do not have any denial pamphlets in your store, contact BCI and we will send you some, or visit the "Brady Bill" section on our website at www.bci.utah.gov. These should be given out to every customer who is denied. For dealers in the Salt Lake area, please do not send your customers to BCI over the weekend to find out why they have been denied. The office is closed and we are not able to help them. Our office hours are Monday through Friday 8:00AM-5:00PM.

ATF 4473 Form

Prior to calling in a background check to BCI, please make sure that your customer has completed all required paperwork. The customer's information must be **current**. In the event that a customer answers "YES" to any of the questions (Section 12 B-L) you should end the transaction. Please do not contact BCI for the background check; a "YES" answer is a disqualifier itself.

To order more 4473 forms on the web visit <http://www.atf.gov/dcof/index.htm> or write to:

ATF Distribution Center
P O Box 5950
Springfield, VA 22150-5950

Policy Clarification

Drug Offense Denials- Pertaining to question 12(E) on the 4473; an individual may be denied the purchase of a firearm on a drug offense for one year from the date of conviction, failed drug test, or a confession of drug use to any sworn officer or court official.

Out of state residents with Utah concealed firearm permits now qualify for the \$7.50 fee waiver. They may purchase **long guns only**.